

Indian Farms in the Northwest.

The following figures show the progress made on some of the Indian farms and reserves in the West:

At Fort Walsh there are two reserves—one of Assiniboines, numbering 1,000 souls, under Chiefs Man-at-Stole-the-Coat and Long Robe; and one of Saulteaux, also 1,000 strong, under Chiefs Little Child and Pie Pot. On one of these reserves there are fifty and on the other thirty-five acres under crop, chiefly potatoes and barley. The instructors here have no farms of their own to look after, but devote their whole time to teaching the Indians. These Indians also do a good deal for themselves by catching fish in winter.

At Fort Macleod there is a Piegan reserve on which there are about 900 of that band. They are settling down to work, having a number of houses up, and from seventy to eighty acres under crop. The cattle to which this band is entitled under the treaty were being given to them. The Rev. Mr. McKay has settled among them and established a mission of the Church of England.

The Sarcee are settled at Blackfoot Crossing, and although few in number are doing well.

At Morleyville, Bow River, there are about 600 Assiniboines, who have some excellent farms, doing credit to the practical instruction of their missionary, the Rev. John Macdonald, in former years. Cattle were also being given to this band and to the Sarcee. The quantity of land under cultivation is from sixty to seventy acres.

The supply farm near Fort Calgary is expected to show good results and to fulfill the expectations formed of it. It is under the management of Mr. Wright, and contains 220 acres, chiefly under wheat and barley.

Mr. Bruce has charge of another supply farm thirty miles southwest of Fort Macleod, on which he has under cultivation two hundred acres of fine land as is to be found in the Northwest. Three miles off, on Fincher Creek, the Government has put up one of the Waterec Company's portable grist-mills with which to grind the grain grown in that locality. It will in the end be cheaper than to freight in flour.

Many of the Indians at the south are surrendering some of the cows to which they are entitled and taking agricultural implements in their stead. On Mr. Delaney's farm, Frog Lake, were planted 100 bushels of potatoes, 14 bushels of wheat, 20 bushels of oats, 30 bushels of barley, an acre of turnips and carrots; and on the reserve, 190 bushels of potatoes, 20 of wheat, 40 of barley and a quantity of small vegetables.

On Mr. Williams' farm, near Fort Pitt, were planted 58 bushels of potatoes, 5 of wheat, 26 of oats and 18 of barley; and on the reserve, 240 bushels of potatoes, 14 of wheat, 38 of barley and two acres of turnips and carrots.

We are without the exact figures of the Eagle Hills reserve, but understand that they are about the same as in Mr. Donahue's district.—*Saskatchewan Herald.*

Land-owning in England.

At present land is a luxury. To its possession certain social advantages are attached. A vast amount of the land in England belongs to no one in existence. By the will of some one who is dead, it is the property of some one who is not born. The life-tenant, whether he cares for country life, whether he has the means to keep up an establishment, and whether he is overburdened with settlements and mortgages, is compelled to own a large house with a large garden and large pleasure grounds attached to it. As in many instances he is indifferent to his heir, and in still more frequent cases has to save to provide a portion for his daughters and younger sons, he lays out nothing on the estate, and is unable, by the tenure under which he occupies it, to give such long leases as would induce occupants to turn it to the best use. Habit, moreover, has often led the owner to impose numerous restrictive clauses in the leases that he does grant, which cripple the energies of the tenant, and keep him under the tutelage of exploded fallacies. An occupier who wishes to buy land has, therefore, to pay for it more than it is worth, and, beside this, he has to expend a comparatively enormous sum among lawyers for acquiring it. The result of all this is, that land has accumulated to a scandalous extent in the hands of some families, that in others it is a curse to the possessor, that the occupier is not his own master, and that it is almost impossible for any yeoman, wishing to become possessor of a small farm to purchase one unless he is ready to pay a fancy value for it.—*London Truth.*

Silent, But stormy.

CONTRADICTORY as the statement may seem, there was recently held in Boston a silent but stormy convention. A large assembly of ladies and gentlemen were so excited that they rose to their feet, gesticulated violently to each other, and yet not a word, not even a cry, was uttered. The apparent contradiction is removed by a simple explanation. The ladies and gentlemen were holding the annual convention of the New England Association of Deaf Mutes, and the excitement was created by the President's address. He charged that certain solicitors of the society had collected money to build a home for deaf mutes and retained forty per cent. of the amount, as commissions. In an instant several solicitors were on their feet. In violent pantomime they indignantly protested against the charge. The President, however, free from the interruption of sound, continued to utter his address in visible speech while the interpreter translated it into sign language. But there was a visible sensation, though not a word was uttered or a sound heard, when the President ceased speaking. Four hundred ladies and gentlemen stood up to discuss the charges. It was a strange discussion, to a looker-on. All spoke and all listened. Faces were contorted in expressive pantomime, arms moved in violent gesticulation and hands snapped out word-signs. Yet not an audible vowel or consonant was heard. The vocal reporters looked on in amazement at the silence of the stormy convention.—*Youth's Companion.*

THE coal-beds on the Souris River, Manitoba, have proved very rich, and are to be developed during the winter.

HOME AND FARM.

M. DEHERAIN thinks a thistle seed will lay any length of time in the ground without rotting, and related an incident where a piece of low land that had taken the deposit of a brook for years was drained and burned over, saying the first thing to grow was an immense crop of thistles.

INK ON CARPETS.—Take up as much of the freshly spilled ink as possible with a sponge, then wet with water and soak with the sponge repeatedly; finally, rub the spot with a little wet oxalic acid, or salt of sorrel, wash off with cold water and rub with aqua ammonia.

MOLASSES FRUIT-CAKE.—Two cups full each of molasses and butter, two eggs, a cupful of milk, a teaspoonful each of soda and essence of lemon, two nutmegs, and flour enough to make a stiff batter. Beat well, and add currants, chopped raisins, and citron. Bake quick. To prevent the raisins from falling in the cake, beat them with eggs.

THE importance of washing the head frequently is shown by the experience of a quarantine physician of high standing, who says that, according to his observation, persons whose heads were thoroughly washed every day rarely took contagious diseases; but when the hair was allowed to become dirty and matted, it was hardly possible to escape infection.

APPLE FOLLY.—Whites of two eggs, one cup of sugar, three sour baked apples, vanilla. Beat together a little the whites of the eggs and sugar, flavor the inside of the baked apples, put with the eggs, and beat till quite stiff. Serve with cake.

IMPACTION or dry murrain in cattle: The symptoms in acute cases are drowsiness and stupor, accelerated pulse and breathing, hardness and tenderness under the right short ribs and tremor of the muscles. At a later stage the eyes glare, the animal moves about regardless of obstacles, often breaking its teeth and horns against the more solid impediments to its course, and bellowing fearfully in the meantime. Death often results in a few hours.

BLEACHING FLANNEL.—Flannel which has become yellow with use may be bleached by putting it for some days in a solution of hard soap to which strong ammonia has been added. The best proportions are one pound and a half of hard curd soap, fifty pounds of soft water, and two-thirds of a pound of strong ammonia solution. The same object may be attained in a shorter time by placing the flannel for a quarter of an hour in a weak solution of bisulphate of sodium, to which a little hydrochloric acid has been added.

ENGLISH MINCE PIE.—Three and one-half pounds of chopped beef, three and one-half pounds of suet, three and one-half pounds of raisins, three and one-half pounds of currants, seven pounds of chopped apples, one pound of citron, two pounds of sugar, one ounce of nutmegs, four quarts of cider, one pint of golden syrup. Mix these ingredients all together, and let them stand over night before using; then bake in puff paste.

Stock Poor.

MANY a farmer is kept poor by keeping too much stock. He would be prosperous if the stock was of the right kind. It does not pay to keep cows through the winter that are dry pretty much all the time. It does not pay to keep over a lot of lean and fractious steers in the expectation that they will make good working cattle by waiting long enough. All such animals should be sold to those who have more food in store than their present poor owners. A miserable and melancholy lot of no-breed sheep constitutes no more desirable property, either. Their fleeces are not worth waiting for, and their mutton is called such only by courtesy. They are of no use to a farmer but to help keep him poor.

Good stock, superior stock, pays for itself all the time. A herd of cows is well worth wintering that will pay in milk and butter many times more than the cost of their keep. No other kind ought therefore to be allowed on a farm. No business man ever expects to make headway against competition by holding a stock of goods that is of inferior value and out of the fashion; and a farmer ought to observe the same rule, and carry on his hands no stock that is not of the very sort to give him a good footing in the produce market. He never can get good milk, good butter, or good beef from poor runts of creatures whose existence comes under the head of accident rather than design. Superior stock is the only kind an enterprising and thrifty farmer can afford to keep.

When cows show beyond a question that they can not give milk enough to support and yield a liberal profit beside, it is time they were disposed of on almost any terms that will clear them off the farm. It is the same with all creatures that are an incumbrance on the farm instead of a profit; let them be put off without delay, and let the so-called sentiment in the case be eradicated by healthier considerations of what constitutes thrifty and profitable farming. This should be the touchstone everywhere of good farming. If it were really made so, we should soon see an end of dawdling, routine, traditional farming, and the infusion of a vigorous element such as moves the world of business and carries life and activity into every department.

There are, of course, many ways in which a farmer can trace the sources of his unprosperous condition; but the practice of keeping on hand, summer and winter, a lot of practically worthless cattle—for all cattle are worthless that are not profitable—is the moth and the canker that is surely eating out his substance. It is simply a question of time how soon he will succumb, for to be acknowledged hopelessly poor is submission. We repeat, no farmer can afford to keep inferior cattle: a rich man may afford it, and charge his indebtedness to him or delusive benevolence; but the farmer who has his living to make off his farm can not afford it, nor indeed can he afford to keep any kind of cattle but the best. He owes it to himself to clean out everything that is trash and worthless, and begin and build up on a sound basis. The more poor stock he keeps, the poorer he is in consequence himself.—*Massachusetts Ploughman.*

—Noureddin Agha, chief of the imperial eunuchs, who died recently at Constantinople, is said to have exercised for more than thirty years undoubted sway over his imperial master's harem, and to have been dreading and respected only next to the Grand Vizier. Having access at all times to the Sultan's ears, his influence was enormous. Together with the Grand Vizier and members of the reigning family, the Agha of the imperial eunuchs enjoyed the title of Highness, and took precedence over other functionaries in the empire. Selim Agha, chief eunuch of the ex-Khedive of Egypt, was able, during his tenure of office under that most lavish of sovereigns, to amass a large fortune by taking bribes from clients and grants from Ismail Pasha. On his death, which took place at Djeddah, on the Red Sea, while he was on a pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, his papers showed him to be the possessor of cash and titles amounting to more than \$750,000, and land in various parts of Cairo and the Feddan to the amount of almost thirty thousand acres.

—A preacher in Syracuse, N. Y., recently told his congregation that if the women would all dance by themselves in a ten-acre lot surrounded by a high board fence, and the men in another inclosure of the same kind, there would then be no harm in dancing. Not much fun either.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 2, 1890.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	\$7.50	@ 11.25
COTTON—Middling.....	5.50	@ 6.75
FLOUR—Good to Choice.....	1.24	@ 1.24 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.16	@ 1.17
CORN—No. 2.....	.61	@ .62
COFFEE—Fair to Choice.....	.42	@ .44
POK—New Mess.....	15.00	@ 15.25
ST. LOUIS.		
COTTON—Middling.....	4.75	@ 5.15
BEEVES—Choice.....	4.40	@ 4.75
Fair to Good.....	4.40	@ 4.75
TEXAS STEERS.....	3.50	@ 3.60
HOGS—Common to Select.....	4.25	@ 4.75
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.....	4.00	@ 4.25
FLOUR—XXX to Choice.....	1.05	@ 1.05 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Winter.....	1.05	@ 1.05 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	.42	@ .43 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	.33	@ .33 1/2
TOBACCO—Dark Leaf.....	4.00	@ 4.25
Medium Dark Leaf.....	6.00	@ 7.00
HAY—Choice Timothy.....	17.00	@ 17.50
BUTTER—Choice Dairy.....	28	@ 28
EGGS—Choice.....	24	@ 25
POK—Standard Mess.....	13.50	@ 13.75
LARD—Clear Rib.....	.07 1/2	@ .08
LAIRD—Prime Steam.....	.08	@ .08 1/2
WOOL—Tub washed, Med'm.....	.47	@ .49
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4.75	@ 5.15
HOGS—Good to Choice.....	4.25	@ 4.75
SHEEP—Good to Choice.....	4.00	@ 4.25
FLOUR—Winters.....	5.00	@ 5.25
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	1.05	@ 1.07
CORN—No. 2 Red.....	1.00	@ 1.09 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	.41	@ .43 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	.33	@ .33 1/2
RYE.....	.89	@ .90
POK—Mess.....	13.25	@ 13.50
KANSAS CITY.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4.25	@ 5.00
HOGS—Good to Choice.....	4.25	@ 4.75
WHEAT—No. 2.....	.88	@ .89
CORN—No. 2.....	.82	@ .83
OATS—No. 2.....	.22	@ .23
OATS—No. 2.....	.31	@ .31 1/2
ST. PAUL.		
FLOUR—High Grades.....	5.50	@ 6.37 1/2
CORN—White.....	.70	@ .71
OATS—No. 2.....	.28	@ .29
HAY—Choice.....	18.75	@ 20.00
POK—Mess.....	13.75	@ 14.00
COTTON—Clear Rib.....	.08 1/2	@ .08 3/4
BUTTER—Middling.....	.45	@ .45 1/2

[Toledo Blade.]
"How We Were 'Buttonholed.'"
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[Cleveland Leader.]

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